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WILKINS BROS. ACQUITTED

Famous Oleo Case Decided for the Defendants.

Jury Was Out But a Short While After Arguments Were Concluded.

Joseph and Walter P. Wilkins were acquitted yesterday afternoon of the charge of violating the oleomargarine laws. The jury was in session but a short while.

Judge Cole's charge was proceeded by an interesting argument on both sides in which the merits of oleomargarine were fully discussed.

The remains of the tub still grubby and oily were in the court room. Mr. Davis would cease now and then to the delivery of his heavy shock and cast his eyes upon head, bottom and staves.

Letting his voice drop to almost a whisper he would fire point after point at the jury like bullets from a machine gun.

He reviewed the evidence of the chemists and then explained that "batteries" was far purer than butter and much less likely to convey disease. He said the chemists had acknowledged it; the government's own witnesses had said it was purer than butter. Milk gathered up germs of disease and they became incorporated in butter. Butterine will not do this.

Mr. Davis was not without arrows of humor among his ammunition. At one point referring to the statements of the Reform school cook who told about taking a sample of butter from the store room to Capt. Porter, Mr. Davis said: "If you know anything about cooing and especially those of large establishments, you know they are almost as fondly as Richard Mansfield."

This little result resulted in smiles of amusement among the jurors.

Witness Attorney Birney took the case in hand for the government, but his rapid fire of facts and points was more than once interrupted by the battery of the defense.

In opening, Mr. Birney said that his opponent had implied to the jury that he was a dissembler and that he was a dissembler. "In the face of the evidence of continual swindling I would be untrue to my oath if I were not zealous," said Mr. Birney.

"I object," interrupted Mr. Davis. "He is not pursuing the line of evidence." "Don't interrupt me, Mr. Davis. Your honor, am I to be interrupted in my argument this way?" queried the district attorney.

"I think the argument is all right," said Judge Cole.

Mr. Birney proceeded with his statements. When Mr. Davis again broke in that he wanted to get the record right as to his objection. Judge Cole said he had made a memorandum of what had been said by the district attorney, which he thought was not improper.

"I am full of zeal; yes, full of zeal," reiterated Mr. Birney, who dwelt gleefully on the words. Then he went into a dissection of the evidence, and quoted his version of some of the statements of Capt. Porter, of the reform school.

Mr. Davis was on his feet in an instant, claiming that Mr. Birney was misquoting the evidence.

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Hundreds of buyers daily are proving the unequalled excellence in quality and unparalleled lowness in price of our magnificent auction purchase. You know the circumstances. A big New York manufacturer wanted to retire—wanted to sell his whole stock QUICKLY—consigned it to Ullman & Co., auctioneers—they put up the stock—we bought it. The goods were RIGHT, but the season was LATE—thus we made our own prices—YOU MAKE YOURS NOW.

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One line made of same identical goods that other clothiers advertise as bargains for \$5 and \$6, for

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One line in dark gray Melton, Cassimere lined, well worth \$6

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A double-breasted two-piece Suit, winter weight, sizes 7 to 13—

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\$25.



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New York Avenue, between 13th and 14th Streets.

AGAIN SEEKING ENTRANCE.

Chesapeake Beach Railway Wants to Get Into the District.

The bill introduced in the House by Mr. Wellington yesterday giving the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company the right to extend its line into the District, fixes no line for its track, except from the Eastern Branch along East Capitol street to Fifteenth street east. For the rest, it is run from the point where it strikes the District line by such public road or other practicable routes as may be approved by the Commissioners. It is to cross the B. & O. and the B. & P. tracks above them at such a height as not to interfere with traffic, and the bridge over the river is to be on piles or other proper foundations approved by the Commissioners.

When the street or roadway is widened one half the cost is to be paid by the company and the space between the tracks and for two feet on each side is to be kept paved at the company's expense.

If overhead wires are used, electric lights must be furnished at the public expense, but no overhead wires are permitted under the provisions of the act of Washington.

The motive power may be electric, cable or compressed air, but not steam locomotives. Passenger stations are to be maintained as the Commissioners may direct, and cars are to be run "as often as the public convenience may require according to a time table to be approved by the Commissioners."

Rate of speed, removal of snow and ice and the like are also under the Commissioners' control. The construction must be commenced within one year and completed in two.

This road is practically the same as that which Mr. Theodore W. Tyler tried to put through two years ago. It has changed hands to a considerable extent.

Senator Gorman introduced a bill late last year identical with Mr. Wellington's, and it is said, Senator Hill's support can be depended upon, as some of his constituents are interested in the enterprise.

POTOMAC PARK BILL.
Commissioners Will Probably Make Their Report Today.

It is understood the Commissioners will today report to Congress upon the bill now in their hands for consideration, which provides for the dedication of the reclaimed Potomac Flats as a public park.

KILLING OF LONDON SHEARS.

Report That the Grand Jury Will Investigate It.

The grand jury will, it is understood, begin the driving the day of the killing of London Shears by Policeman Curry.

The district attorney's office, it is said, yesterday received the names and addresses of two witnesses, who will be called before the jury to testify. There was a rumor to the effect that the case had already been presented for consideration, but Assistant District Attorney Harvey given yesterday positively denied that it had.

As yet been laid before the grand jury. He would not deny, however, that it is the intention of the district attorney to do so within a few days.

In fact it was learned last evening that Mr. Jeffords was in consultation with Attorney Hewitt yesterday on the subject. The latter denies and positive knowledge that the jury will act and says all he can state is that the case is receiving attention. It has been learned that the prosecution will attempt to prevent Policeman Curry from being drinking the day of the shooting.

On the other hand it is not generally believed that the grand jury will take any action looking to an indictment of the officer.

BRIGADIER EVANS AT WORK.

New Salvation Army Leader Conducts a Rally Meeting.

Brigadier William Evans, the new commander of the Baltimore and Washington division of the Salvation Army, conducted a rally meeting at Salvation Army Hall, No. 939 Pennsylvania avenue, last night and opened the campaign against sin that will be waged by the members of the organization in this city this winter.

There was an increased audience over that of the regular meeting nights and unusual enthusiasm was displayed. Dr. Nice, the violinist who was to have appeared with Brigadier Evans, was detained in Jersey City and will probably not reach this city until some time next week.

The regular order of services was little departed from last night. The exercises consisted mainly of prayer and song, interspersed with brief testimonials and addresses in which Brigadier Evans joined.

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Replenishing one's wardrobe for the holiday season is now an imperative necessity. Apart from the weather, a presentable suit, overcoat, jacket or cape must be had by one and all. Fashion, quality and price qualifications point to ours as the most desirable stock of clothing in the city. We give a few representative items:

For the Men.

Men's very handsome dress suits, well made and extra well finished, \$8.50.
Men's all-wool cheviot suits, all favorite patterns and shades, \$6.50.
Men's all-wool Kersey Overcoats, all velvet collar, well worth \$14. Our price cut to \$8.50.
Men's all-wool separate Pants, Price cut to \$1.75.

Men's Hats, pearl, brown and black. Price cut to 90c.
We carry a special line of Bicycle Suits and Shorts—many styles. Different prices.

Stylish Jackets, fancy effects, rough cloth, half soft lined, velvet collar, our price cut to \$3.50.
Beautiful Silk Astrakhan jackets, with very latest style, splendidly finished. Our price cut to \$7.75.
Very handsome braided Jackets, beautifully lined and trimmed. Our price cut to \$8.50.
Seal Plush Cape, extra full sweep, satin lined, beautiful trimmed, silver and beads. Price cut to \$12.00.
Very handsome fur trimmed Seal Plush Cape. Price cut to \$7.98.
Ladies' all-wool Cloth Waists, latest effects. Price cut to \$1.75.

For the Children.
Children's Stylish Jackets, handsomely trimmed, cut and finished. Price cut to \$2.75.
Misses' Jackets, stylish cut and finished. Price cut to \$2.25.
Children's Suits, strictly all-wool, latest styles. \$2.25.
Boys' Reefers, extra well made, price down to 98c.
Boys' All-wool Pants, all colors, price down to 39c.

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FIVE CASES REPORTED.

Fifty-seven Houses Now Quarantined for Diphtheria.

The records of the health office show that there were fifty-seven houses under quarantine yesterday at the close of business hours on account of diphtheria. The highest number of dwellings under

quarantine on any day since the first of the present month was 102 on the 6th instant. The month began with eighty-six, and on the 8th instant there were eighty-eight, and on the 10th the number had dropped to sixty-four. Five additional cases were reported yesterday. There have been four deaths reported since December 1.

Johnstons, 729 7th St.

Christmas Presents Free.

We propose to give to our customers five thousand dollars' worth of premiums—bring your completed premium cards and select your premiums now—100-piece Decorated China Dinner Sets—50-piece Decorated China Tea Sets—10-piece Decorated Toilet Sets—Large Handsome Boudoir Lounges—Webster's Large Dictionary, containing 1,500 Illustrations—Puzzle C. B. Histories—Large Flash Albums, decorated with silver and gold trimmings—Oxford Teachers' Guides—Large Prompt Albums, handsomely decorated.

Customers having their premiums completed should make their purchases and complete cards as early as possible before Christmas, as we propose delivering all orders for presents before Christmas.

9 lbs. best Mixed Nuts for \$1.00.

40c Doll given free with the dollar's worth.

16½c

FRUIT.
The line of Fruits we offer is the choicest, new, light, large stock. Oregon Prunes, \$1.00. Imported Raisins, \$1.00. Currants, \$1.00. Dates, \$1.00. Cal. Evaporated Apples, \$1.00. Cluster Raisins, \$1.00. Sultana Raisins, \$1.00. Cal. Evaporated Peaches, \$1.00. Ruffled Raisins, \$1.00. Cleaned Currants, \$1.00.

14c
CAKES.
The Best 25c Butter reduced to a special price of 14c today.

Vanilla Wafers, \$1.00. Honey Jumbles, \$1.00. Butter Scotch, \$1.00. Rag Biscuits, \$1.00. Mixed Cakes, \$1.00. Ginger Snaps, \$1.00.

5 pounds of Stick Candy, worth 40 cents, will be given to each purchaser of 1 lb. of our special 14c Butter with a 3-pound purchase of 30-cent Java and Mocha Coffee—those preferring 5 lbs. sugar free will be accommodated.

Doll Free.

15 pounds of French Mixed Candy or 13 pounds of Stick Candy today for \$1—a 40-cent doll given free with the dollar purchase.

CANDY.

Stick Candy, \$1.00. French Candy, \$1.00. Large Gum Drops, \$1.00. Unsweetened Drops, \$1.00. Waterbury Lozenges, \$1.00. Peppermint Loz, \$1.00. Peanut Taffy, \$1.00. Wrapped Caramels, \$1.00.

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500 dozen Handkerchiefs, elegant, fine Swiss embroidered, scalloped or hemstitched, worth 15c. 12 50

100 dozen Handkerchiefs, full size for men, pure linen, initial and wide hemstitched, worth 25c. 12 50

500 dozen Handkerchiefs for ladies and men, fancy and plain white, hemstitched, good quality, worth 10c. 50

200 dozen Handkerchiefs for ladies and men, pure linen, hemstitched, fine quality, worth 15c. 12 50

250 dozen Handkerchiefs for children, fancy borders, 3 in a fancy box, worth 25c. per box 17c

100 dozen Handkerchiefs for ladies; fine sheer linen, exquisitely embroidered, very beautiful designs, worth 25c. 250

200 dozen Handkerchiefs for ladies; hand-embroidered and scalloped, beautiful designs, worth 35c. 250

100 dozen 800 Initial Handkerchiefs, wide hemst, worth 60c. 350

100 dozen 800 Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, worth 12c. 12 50

75 dozen Men's Plain White Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs, wide hemstitched, large size, worth 35c. 250

150 dozen Initial Japanese Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, wide hem, large size, worth 15c. 12 50

Handsome letter-pressed 12 50

Gloves.

Extra Quality Kid Gloves—4 button, 2 claws and Easton backs—black, white and all shades—plain and embroidered—perfect fit and style—worth \$1.25. \$1.00

Ladies' Nice Quality 4 button Kid gloves—black, white and all shades—embroidered backs—worth \$1.00. 250

Ladies' Extra Fine Quality Black Cashmere Gloves, full length, wide welt—worth 35c. 250

Ladies' Black Silk Mittens, each pair in separate box, worth 25c. 500

Men's Fleece Lined Fur Top Kid Gloves, excellent quality—worth \$1.00. 500

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